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DETERMINING CRITICAL TIMING
PATH SENSITIVITIES OF MACROS IN A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2825

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 9, 2004 for
which the date for response is August 9, 2004.

In response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect,
with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-8 and 16, i.e., the Group I claims.

Applicants also note that claim 16 is a claim to "means" for practicing the method claims
set forth in the Group I claims. According to MPEP § 806.05(e), a "means" claim is a linking
claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder of

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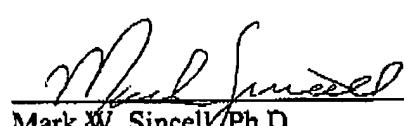
the non-elected claims is required. See MPEP § 809.04. Claim 16 satisfies the criteria set forth in MPEP 806.05(e) for a linking claim. Thus, if claim 16 is found to be allowable, Applicants are entitled to have the remaining Group II claims (*i.e.*, 9-15) rejoined.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT3951. If funds are insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson's P.C. Deposit Account 50-0786/2000.049900.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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